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--- (D) STATE 071904; (E) SEOUL 2234;

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1. WAG MEETING HELD APRIL 7 TO REVIEW THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS OF FY 75 CCP. ATTENDED FROM COMMERCE BY MELVIN SONNE, DIRECTOR, FAR EAST DIVISION, OIM; IRVIN LLOYD, CMM, EAST ASIA GROUP, OIM; CAROL MURRAY, KOREA COUNTRY SPECIALIST, AND ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, KOREA COUNTRY SPECIALIST DESIGNEE; FROM STATE BY PHILIP MAYHEW, EA/K AND ROBIN WHITE, EA/P; AND FROM USIA BY THEODORE LIU, KOREA DESK.

2. MEETING BEGAN WITH VIEWING OF KOREAN LANGUAGE VTR OF USIS FILM ON TOP. LIU THEN GAVE INFORMAL PRESENTATION ON USIS ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS IN KOREA AND ADVISED US OF PLANS FOR FY 76. ATTENDEES UNCLASSIFIED

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PLEASED WITH HIGH LEVEL OF USIS ASSISTANCE. COPIES OF

OFFICIAL USIS FY 76 PROGRAM FOR KOREA WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
TO ALL WAG MEMBERS AS SOON AS APPROVED BY USIA.
3. REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN SO FAR IN SUPPORT OF CCP,
WAG COMMENDS POST FOR EFFORTS. IN RESPONSE POST COMMENTS

IN REFTELS A AND B: (A) RE ANNEX A NO FURTHER ACTION
EXPECTED OF POST UNTIL TEXTILE INDUSTRY RECOVERS.
(B) RE ANNEX C, REGRET COMMERCE HAS NOT IDENTIFIED 5
NEW TO MARKET SUPPLIERS MINING AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIP-
MENT. IS MARKET STRONG ENOUGH TO WARRANT ACTION AT
THIS POINT? (C) WAG STRONGLY SUPPORTS IDEA OF
AMBASSADOR'S MEMO TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL ON MAJOR PROJECTS
SUGGESTED REF. B. POST COMMENDED FOR RECENT IMPROVEMENT
IN MAJOR PROJECT REPORTING.

4. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION HELD ON POST RESOURCE
PROBLEMS. WAG HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP POST
OBTAIN REQUESTED FUNDS AND AGREES THAT MARKET RESEARCH
IMPORTANT. MAYHEW REPORTED ON MEETING WITH EA/EX
HELD TO CONSIDER CONTINUING RESOURCE PROBLEMS OUTLINED
BY POST. AS REF. D INDICATES, ADDITIONAL FUNDING NOT
AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. POST SHOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY
REALLOCATION FUNDS ALREADY AVAILABLE. POST REQUEST TO

COMMERCE FOR ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS FORWARDED WITH STRONG
SUPPORT TO OIM BUDGET OFFICE. DECISION STILL PENDING
BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC. WILL NOTIFY OF DECISION AS SOON
AS REACHED. DISCUSSED NEED FOR IMPROVED METHOD OF
DEALING WITH BUDGET QUESTIONS RAISED BY POST. FURTHER
WAG DISCUSSION ON THIS REQUIRED.

5. IMPORTANCE OF REALISTIC ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES
IN FY 1976 CCP AND NEED FOR SUPPORT FROM POST
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER EMPHASIZED. WAG FEELS THAT
MANY OF DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN CARRYING OUT FY 1975
CCP WILL NOT BE REPEATED IN FY 76 IF THIS DONE.

6. APPRECIATE POST'S TIMELY SUBMISSION REF. A. KISSINGER
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